

## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As the below-named inventors, We hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to our names,

We believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING METHANE GAS, the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to us to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior foreign applications: NONE

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the matter provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

NONE

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

We hereby appoint the following attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Robert L. Harrington,

Registration No. 20,994 and Paul J. Fordenbacher, Registration No. 42,546. We further appoint this same attorney to file and prosecute on our behalf corresponding applications in all countries of the world and in particular to file and prosecute on our behalf a corresponding application with the office of the Patent Cooperation Treaty. Address all telephone calls to: (503) 706-3735. Address all correspondence to: 1211 S.W. Fifth, Suite 1920, Portland, OR 97204-3713.

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